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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: TONGA DESIGNATION OF SPIA

1. CAB HAS GRANTED SPIA TEMPORARY AUTHORITY TO OPERATE BETWEEN AMERICAN SAMOA AND TONGA UNTIL NOVEMBER 1. SPIA WILL START SERVICE WITH A FIVE PLACE AIRCRAFT AND THEN, PROBABLY IN OCTOBER, WILL PURCHASE 19 PLACE TWIN OTTER AIRCRAFT.

2. WRAY WILL VISIT CAB IN WASHINGTON TOWARD END OF SEPTEMBER TO EXPLAIN DETAILS OF HIS PROPOSED OPERATION.

3. FOR GOVAMSAMOA: WE UNDERSTAND GOVERNMENT WESTERN SAMOA HAS RESERVATION REGARDING SPIA OPERATIONS. WHILE THESE RESERVATIONS MAY ARISE FROM SPIA'S COMPETITION WITH POLYNESIAN AIRLINES, WE WOULD APPRECIATE GAS COMMENTS.
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